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The Ministry

of the Emotions



The Editor's Message

MORE EMPHASIS IS PLACED on the church and religion at this time of year than any other. Easter always brings with it increased church attendance and increased earnestness among Christians; it is considered the ideal time for religious revivals, and many churches schedule a Lenten revival, who never think of another during the year. This is true because the Easter message is the most vital message of Christianity and the Easter fact is the keystone of the Christian experience.

With the Lenten emphasis on religion comes the matter of emotional expression in religious services. Do the emotions have any part to play in Christian worship? Is it possible to subdue them completely and still have great revivals? These are questions that recur constantly in the minds of those who have no understanding of the ministry of the emotions. The problem arose first at the beginning of the first passion week when Christ rode into Jerusalem accompanied by the jubilant shouts of His followers. The staid and apathetic religious leaders of that day were offended by the sounds of jubilation, and asked Christ to order His followers to be silent. He refused with the words, "I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." He refused to make the slightest move toward discouraging the expressions of joy that rang from the lips of the disciples. If we are to be followers of Him, then we should likewise be cautious and prayerful in our attitudes toward religious emotional expression.

I am as adverse to false or provoked manifestations and demonstrations as it is possible for anyone to be. I stand without apology against agitating emotional frenzy and creating emotional crises for the sake of "working up" a shout. Unless our lives are holy enough to prompt that spontaneous praise from God, and we have to resort to tricks and psychological stimuli to induce a shout, then we have neither right nor cause for rejoicing. At the same time, I rejoice at the sound and sight of pure ecstasy and jubilation. The man whose life is fully consecrated to God and who is looking for the appearance of the Lord has every reason and right to express his joy and ecstasy. This shouting should

be music to every Christian's heart and ears.

For anyone to attempt to stamp out religious emotionalism is to invite spiritual bankruptcy. Many churches have tried it, forgetting that emotions are God-given. If they are God-given, then what is their purpose, what is their sublime ministry? It is to glorify and exalt the name of Christ. It is to exult in Him and to worship Him. Since the emotions are a part of every personality, they must find expression, and psychologists have proved that to deprive a person of all outlet of emotional tension and feeling is to do him positive physical and mental injury. Weeping, laughing, shouting, etc., can be healthful in more ways than one. God made us creatures with emotions and it is impossible for men to make us devoid of our natures.

Every healthy person finds it necessary to find a medium of releasing his pent-up emotions. All churches once recognized this fact, and never discouraged—and often encouraged—amen's, hallelujah's, and glory's to God in their services. Eventually, the time came when their leaders thought themselves too sophisticated for such naivete, and smothered emotional expression from their services. Even though their suppression and subjugation of emotions in their services was successful, they never succeeded in removing them from the hearts of the people. Being discouraged or forbidden to express their emotions in the God-ordained method of worshipping Him, they soon found other methods of emotional release. Instead of going to church, they went to the movies and the theater, for there they could sit in the dark and weep or laugh to their heart's content, without fear of being shamed or ridiculed. They found it to be far more satisfying to attend ball games, races, and wrestling matches, because there they could give expression to their dammed-up emotions. In "Revivalism in America," William Warren Sweet has said, "In fact, emotion has been so completely squeezed out of present-day Protestant worship that the people are becoming emotionally starved. Perhaps this is one of the reasons moving pictures are so popular; there, one can be as

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By Cleo Watts

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Resurrectional Varieties



THE ABSENCE OF THIS word *resurrection* from our vocabulary would make our existence here on this planet wearisomely uniform. The farmer believes in the resurrection when he plants a grain of corn in the ground and makes preparation for the harvest. The processes of death and resurrection have been going on for thousands of generations on this planet. All life is successively sustained by death and resurrection. The mineral kingdom, the vegetable kingdom and the animal kingdom all speak of its potency. Faith in the resurrection is the Christian's most energetic force for a dying body in a dying world.

How dead life would be if there were no variety, no change, and no expectation of improvement! If you had to work at the same job, see the same boss, stand at the same spot and do the same task, year after year forever, life would become monotonous. If the seasons never changed, and the weather were cold all the time, you would become weary with cold weather. If you had potatoes to eat three times a day, for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, they would become distasteful. To live in a body deformed with disease and have no hope of change would be the worst prison conceivable on this earth. Someone has aptly said, "Variety is the spice of life." God has given us the expectancy of the resurrection in a now turbulent and chaotic world, beset with fears and forebodings of evil.

THE RESURRECTIONAL HOPE

With every dark cloud there is a silver lining, and at the end of every storm there is a variegated rainbow. One of the strong anchors that holds the Christian in the hurricane of life's troubles is the *resurrectional hope*. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil" (Hebrews 6:19). The resurrectional hope reaches up, instead of down, and gets hold of God in the holy place. The anchor of hope lays hold on a substance as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. Jesus Christ is our hope.

Hope is the window of the soul. Did you ever live in a windowless house? I hope not. That would be a melancholy prison, dark and dreary with only four cold walls staring at you. The memory of past misdeeds would be haunting you, and the darkness of a sunless world would be your constant companion. What a window is to a house, hope is to the soul. It dispels the darkness of fear and lets the sunshine of cheer enter the soul. I want plenty of windows in the house which I inhabit, windows of hope that will give a clearer vision, that will enable the soul to look out and beyond the four walls of trouble and see the high mountains of sweet deliverance. God put the window of Noah's ark on the top, not on the side, of the ship. Why? The Lord did not want Noah to see the troubled waters, the floating corpses of sinful men, but He wanted him to keep his eyes on things above. Jesus told us, "And when these things begin to come to pass (signs in the sun, moon and stars, men's hearts falling them for fear), then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

Hope purifies the soul. The school boy studies assiduously with the hope of passing to another grade. The employee works ardently in hope of a promotion and a raise in salary. The expectant bride will share her love and affection with no one else, but will pursue only the attention of her bridegroom until she has gained him forever. The hope of gaining him as her bridegroom will inspire the most extravagant devotion. Hope of world peace will cause nations to sacrifice many selfish demands. The believer that hopes to see Jesus soon will live a separated, consecrated life. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

The hope of future wealth is a stimulus for hard work. Henry Ford was determined to be a great industrialist; he was the first billionaire in the United States. Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also, and where the heart is, there will be love and sacrifice. "For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel" (Colossians 1:5). Our wealth is piled up in heaven; if we ever inherit it, we shall have to make it there. The hope of glory inspires us to pray and live victoriously in this wicked world. Soul, hope in God. The resurrection of Christ raised our sights from the earth to heaven. The disciples were looking for an earthly kingdom with earthly honors and positions, but the resurrection of Christ

changed their outlook on life and caused them to look up for heavenly blessings, honors, and positions. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

THE RESURRECTIONAL POWER

Power is the inherent ability to triumph over adversity. Man has harnessed electrical power and has made it his most useful servant. The power of the atom has been bridled and has become the monstrous force in the world. In addition to this, there are monetary, political, social, and scientific powers that are being used for good and bad, but what the Church needs is spiritual power. The resurrection of Christ untapped the latent power of God, and brought deliverance to the people of God.

The resurrectional power of God is a personal force within the believer to enable him to overcome adversity. The Apostle Paul said, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings" (Philippians 3:10). That to which Paul was actually aspiring was to have the same power which raised Jesus from the dead dwelling in him and reproducing the life of Christ. He wanted to be so captivated by the power of Christ that this world would have no power over him. He wanted to live in the resurrected realm and enjoy the fruits of resurrectional victory right here in this present life. Paul wanted self to be so dead that only Christ could be seen. He knew that it took a power outside of self to produce such a life. The flesh was weak; a power external to him must seize his will, mind, body, soul, and very being and enable him to walk completely in the new, resurrected life. Paul desired to journey back to the tomb and to lie in the cold damp cave and to feel the pangs of death. He wanted to go down with Christ into the lowest hell, share all the hell that Christ shared, and then feel the power that raised Christ from the dead. Then he wanted that power to be reproduced in him and share its priceless benefits with men.

THE RESURRECTED BODY

This mortal body is decaying and going back to the dust. The resurrected body will be immortal and not subject to death. The new body will not be subject to pain or disease. Here, we are beset with every kind of physical handicap, but the new body will be free from all deformity. It will be incorruptible, not subject to dissolution, injury, disease and old age. It will be glorious, not subject to dishonor through sin. It will be strong, not subject to weaknesses and diminishing vitality. It will be spiritual, not subject to the natural laws of life.

The resurrection challenges us to be better Christians and to set our affections on things above. It gives us an anchor for the soul, a hope for the future, power for the present conflicts, and a reason to live an overcoming life in this present world. As Job said, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come" (Job 14:14).



EASTER MEDITATIONS

By Lewis J. Willis
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AS THE SOFT light of the morning touched the eastern horizon, three women made their way toward the sepulchre. They moved slowly and with bowed heads, for the grief of their hearts was indescribable. Calvary, with its ruthless cross, had robbed them of their happiness and hope. Their Master had been murdered by cruel men, and now His body lay in Joseph's tomb. Sorrowfully, they went to do homage to a dead Christ.

From the lives of some Christians today, it would appear that their religion consists in doing homage to a dead Christ. Clothed in sanctimonious gowns of self-righteousness, they move about in the shadows of life exhibiting none of the vivaciousness of true spirituality. When they come to God's house, they act as if they are indeed visiting a sepulchre. There is neither expectation in their prayers nor triumph in their praise. A glance at their countenances as they occupy their favorite pews would seem to indicate that at any moment they expect a funeral dirge! There is surely a striking similarity between their attitude and that of the first visitors to Christ's tomb.

Whispering together in the still, cool dawn, the women discussed a distressing problem. "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" they queried. It was a stone too heavy for their weak hands to move which lay across the entrance to the garden tomb. When they looked, however, they saw the stone had been rolled away. Unseen hands had done for them what they could not do for themselves.

Are we not sometimes like these women in the shadow of dawn bewailing their problem? Their difficulty was not in their situation but in themselves. It did not arise out of the real facts in the case, but it was fashioned out of their ungrounded fears. We, too, borrow pain from the unknown tomorrows, and we are filled with misgivings about things which have no existence outside our own fearful hearts.

A part of the Easter message is this: advance in faith. Get beyond your timorous speculations. Go to the Saviour even though you see nothing but difficulty and problems. When you have gone as far as you can, you will find you have gone as far as you should.

THUS, THEY came to the sepulchre of Him who had said of Himself, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Strange that a sepulchre should have received Him. Death had oftentimes fled from His presence. There was an occasion in Nain when He stopped a funeral to speak to the dead, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up." His tender command, "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise," returned the warmth of life to Jairus' little daughter. And one could hardly forget the experience at Lazarus' tomb. Four days had passed since the death of the man, and now Christ commanded the tomb to be opened. "Lord, by this time he stinketh," protested Martha. Jesus quieted her with the words "If thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God." Then "He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth, and he that was dead came forth." Yes, it seemed exceedingly unreal that such a man could be dead.

Indeed, the Christ was not held captive by death! As the women entered "into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here." Thus, "Is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." He thereby changed the whole perspective of immortality. In the words of John Oxenham, we view the alteration He made in the eternal outlook.

*When, with bowed head
And silent-streaming tears,
With mingled hopes and fears,
To earth we yield our dead;
The saints, with clearer sight,
Do cry in glad accord—
"A soul released from prison
Is risen, is risen—
Is risen to the glory of the Lord!"*

THE EMPTY tomb proclaims Jesus the Lord of life—the Lord of this life. He stands for the complete and final removal of every obstacle that lies in the Godward path of humanity. The barrier of sin, which one time thwarted man, need not ever bind him again. By His rising from the dead, Christ has made the way of man's

redemption complete, the redemption of the soul now and the redemption of the body in the last day. By the miracle of the resurrection, man may now travel the path of grace into light and peace forever.

Let us understand, also, that the risen Christ, who has made clear the path of personal righteousness, has made equally clear the path of personal service. The angel's message was "Go quickly, and tell. . . ." There is a need for the resurrection power to pervade our deadened consciences and cause them to act with hallowed sensitiveness toward that which is sacred and pure. We need the resurrection power to possess our minds and make them fertile in noble ideals and act in holy purpose. Our affections need to be touched by the flow of resurrection power until they bud into tender sympathies, gentle courtesies, and all the exquisite graces of our Lord.

The fact of the resurrection is the foundation of our faith. Because Christ lives, the victory of good over evil is absolutely assured. He made the world; He keeps it in being; He redeemed it, and He will surely keep the tenacles of evil from strangling the high and holy. Amidst the chaos of this atomic age, the risen Christ remains the "Rock of Ages," which steadies the world.



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1. Christ's entry into Jerusalem. On previous occasions He had entered on foot and in the most unpretending manner. Now He comes in royal state preceded and followed by crowds who rend the air with exulting shouts. Some of His disciples spread their garments in the way, while others cut down branches of the trees and strewed them in His path.

2. The Last Supper. The Master's countenance, the youthful John on His right and the blended eagerness and apprehension of the rest of the group well befit the institution of that tender and solemn sacrament which is to perpetuate the memory of His sacrificial death till time shall be no more.

3. The Kiss of Judas. "Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?"

4. John 19:4, 5, "Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!"

5. The Lord turned and looked upon Peter.

6. Nailing Christ to the cross.

The Passion of Christ in Pictures

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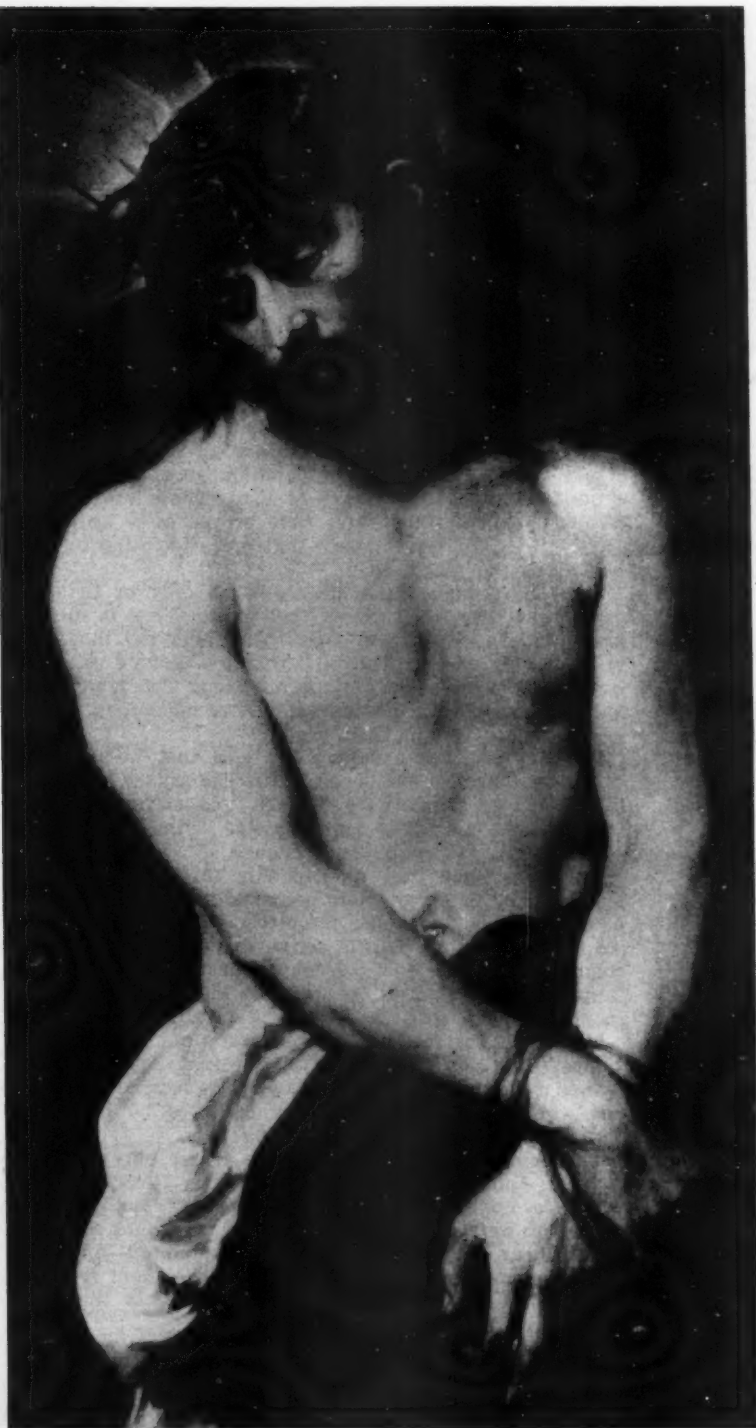
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Scripture: Luke 24:1-7

Text: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" (Luke 24:5, 6)

WHY SEEK YE THE LIVING among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" These were the words which fell upon the stunned ears of the three women who had gone on that first Easter morn to the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth. A great joy began to well up within the women. Yet, still they did not understand it all. Could it be possible that He was alive again?

Soon the women were to know that truly He was alive. Soon Mary Magdalene was to hear Him call her name in unmistakable tones. Soon others were to behold His wonderful presence.

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?" Perhaps many have been inclined to do just that. We so often refer to our departed loved ones as "dead." So often we seem to feel that when we pass from this life that we have ceased to exist at all.

However, the Christian religion has, through its resurrected Christ, a very certain hope for life eternal. Let us see what we do believe about the life to come.

Many have been the arguments against a belief in life after death. Feeble substitutes have been offered,

Our Faith

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but none have been able to measure up to the real desire and longing of the heart of man. These substitutes have proved to be only weeds that are attempting to choke out the real garden.

Some have argued that men live on only in the sense that they live through their deeds. That is to say that men's works live after them. They say that man actually dies at death and that the best we can hope for is to live a few years in our deeds. This is not enough, however, for few indeed survive more than a generation or two in their deeds.

Someone else has advanced the idea that we live only in the lives of our descendants. The fallacy here is that not all people have children. Too, eternal life would not be much if it merely existed in the lives of our descendants. That is not enough.

Still others say that we live only through truth, truth existed before we were born and shall continue to exist long after we are forgotten. Still others say we exist in a spiritualistic sense, and that we can communicate with the present world by means of tappings, strange noises, seances, and the like. Here is room for much fraud and little real satisfaction.

These are not real immortality. They are not the things for which the soul of man yearns. Man demands more than these. Many substitutes have arisen, but when viewed carefully they seem to be only "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

The present age seems to be able to see only the concrete things. It is a sense-bound age. It says it will believe only in the things it can see and feel and hear. Yet, we accept many things that we cannot see, feel, or hear. We accept truth, loyalty, love, mind—and can see none of them. Merely because we cannot see immortality in the present age is no certainty that it does not exist.

The close tie that exists between mind and body seems to be argument against separating the two at death. However, when we use an automobile until it is worn out, we discard it and procure another one. This is so with many things. It is so with this body of ours. When it becomes unfit for further use here on

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earth, God takes us away and places us in another body.

We cannot create for ourselves, a new body, but God has the wisdom and power with which to make all kinds of bodies. Some day we shall move out and leave these bodies to the earth from which God made them.

Many have argued that immortality is only wishful thinking, but many things we want to believe are actually true. There is no reason that immortality cannot be one of these.

Others say, "Where would God put all the millions of people?" God is not bounded by miles and earthly dimensions. A place for heaven is no problem for God. Truly, real reason is on the side of immortality.

One of the chief reasons we have for belief in a life after death is because we believe in the justice of God. Such belief requires us to believe that the injustices of this life will be

II. REASONS FOR BELIEF IN IMMORTALITY

The inequalities of this life cannot be the last word of a just God. Neither can we believe that the righteous man and the wicked man shall come to the same end. Moral sense says that it cannot be so. Belief in a just God says that there must be another life—a life in which these inequalities will be made right and in which the righteous shall have their reward and the unrighteous theirs.

Another reason for belief in eternal life is in the conservation of values. It is unthinkable that all the good which is being so hard won in the present earthly strife should at last be utterly lost. If there is no immortality, nothing of real value can last. Even Christ's death on the cross would lose its deepest meaning. Faith and love do make a difference, because eventually this old earth will pass away and we shall be kept by the grace of God through all eternity.

The very heart of the New Testament declares our faith in immortality. The message of Jesus is saturated with it. Many are the lovely vistas that are given to us of this wonderful life beyond the grave. What sort of gospel would it be without these? Only a social gospel, one that would be weak and feeble,

would be all. It could deal only with morality and could in no real sense deal with matters of eternal significance. Yet, there are those who would make it such today.

No, death is not the final end of all. It is only the end of this life. Yet cometh another life—

Some will say, "How are the dead raised up and with what body do they come?"

Many fantastic ideas concerning life after death have been expressed. Some conceive of it as being only a hazy body lazily floating through space. Others dream of idly basking under the shade of a tree, and never again being subjected to the ordeal of work. Surely, however, such concepts are not at all accurate.

III. ETERNAL LIFE

Most of us conceive of the future life as being one in which we shall know one another. Our bodies will be different in that they will not be subject to pain and disease. Judging from the resurrected body of Jesus, there will be a definite likeness to the old body. Ours will be celestial bodies, incorruptible in nature.

The resources of God are tremendous. We can have new bodies and a new world in which to live. We know not all the details of that existence, but we know enough to be sure that it will be one of eternal glory.

Another important thing that we must face in talking about the life to come is in the matter of the Day of Judgment. This is something we have almost utterly



neglected in our present-day thought. "After death cometh the judgment."

There is an eternal difference between right and wrong. This difference will be made crystal clear on that day, and we shall receive our just reward. Sin brings terrible fruits. There is no promise that all will finally be saved. Those who have chosen the pathway of sin will reap the rewards of their ill-chosen way. Hell itself must be that reward. Likewise, righteousness brings its wonderful fruits. Reaping the just reward of our faithfulness, we shall hear the blessed summons, "Enter ye into your Master's joy." Heaven itself must be that reward. Surely this matter of judgment is something serious. It is more than a laughing matter. Let us make certain indeed our preparation.

"Eternal life"—what meaneth such a term? Is it just mere endlessness? Surely it is more than just living idly through all the ages of eternity. Surely, it is more than that.

In heaven we shall be able to explore forever the great regions of God's great love. He has so many wonderful things ahead for His children that we cannot yet comprehend them. Heaven should be a great adventure, continuing forever, in which we will come to know of the heights and depths of the love of our Maker.

All of this life should be but preparation for the life to come. The admonition, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," should be heeded by all of us.

Eternal life really begins when we accept Christ here on this earth. Perhaps many of us have never thought of it in that sense, but we do begin to live eternally when we begin to live for Christ. To be sure, death will come, but when it does, it is only a change. It is only a transition—a steppingstone—to the real Christian. His eternal life began the very day he was redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Easter signifies the great hope of the Christian—a certain hope of eternal life. "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen." The dead shall rise to live again. In Christ there is no real death, for all is eternal life.

Do you believe in immortality? Most of us do, though at times many try to shun thoughts of the end of this life. Down deep within our hearts we all know that ahead of us there is a life to come. Are you prepared for that journey through eternity? The eternal life is something you can begin here on this earth—even on this Easter Sunday. Why not accept Jesus and His way of life? Redeemed through Him, you will then know what it is to live eternally. Death will lose all its real dread, and you can look toward the future with a glorious certainty in Christ.

THE MINISTRY OF THE EMOTIONS

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emotional as one pleases, for it is dark and tears are not noticed." The church failed to satisfy and guide that God-given and perfectly natural desire of all

human beings to give expression to their deep feelings and sensations. What the churches could have sublimated into pure and intensive praise of God, they squelched and drove to other places. The emotions would not be denied: if religion gave them no opportunity to exercise them, then they left religion alone and sought release in other ways.

Eventually, the churches realized their sad mistake and recognized the emotional needs of the people. To lure back their vanishing and timid crowds, they did a pathetic and paradoxical thing. Instead of encouraging a revival of old-time religious worship in their auditoriums, they filled their basements with pool tables, dance floors, card tables, and other devices and baits to bring back their religion-starved young people. By this very action church leaders everywhere admit that there is boxed in every human frame that inborn desire to express the feelings, the urgings, and the promptings of the emotions. They know now that when the church deprives its members of this right they will not be deprived for long, but will find release elsewhere.

Since God gave us our emotions, they have a divine ministry. The church's job is to guide and direct emotional expression—not to subdue it, not to agitate it, not to suppress it, not to imitate it. The Christian's responsibility is to use his emotions and not be used by them; to keep them when they exist and not try to create them when they do not exist. Our emotions belong to God, then let God's glory be their ministry. We must not go the way of others; we must keep emotions in the church free of duress and suppression. Let us keep emotional expression as it should be—orderly, pure, and refreshing; and where it belongs—in the worship of God.

THE LORD IS RISEN

*"Not here" within the grave's confine?
"Not here" in death's unyielding prison?
Ah, no, ye Jews of Palestine,
Ye Romans—Christ the Lord is risen.*

*To most of them an incident
In lives more pressingly beset;
They went their several ways content
To speak of it, and then forget.*

*But 'midst indifference there were some
Despaired that He was crucified;
Their light, their all He had become—
Their world was dark since He had died.*

*"Thy Lord is risen—He lives anew!"
No words had ever before been spoken
So fraught with meaning to these few—
With healing hope to hearts near broken.*

*Down through the centuries dark and long
Has come the message, word for word—
An empty message to the throng—
Triumphant life to all who've heard.*

—Carrie Hitt Hardcastle

revivals



Souls Stirred During Wonderful Revival

CHERRY HILL, S. C.—I would like to report the blessings of the Lord at Cherry Hill. We have so many things for which to thank the Lord. We had such a wonderful time in a recent revival; our hearts were encouraged to press forward to the mark of the high calling which is Christ Jesus. Brother Roy Lamb of Greenville, South Carolina, was the evangelist. Brother Frank C. Pearson is our beloved pastor. Brother Lamb preached soul-stirring messages. The Holy Ghost came down in such a powerful way until sinners' hearts were broken and cried for mercy. Twenty-eight were saved, 17 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost and 9 healed by the power of God.

—C. J. Burrell, reporter

Seventy Saved in "Greatest" Revival

(Telegram)

WILMINGTON, N. C.—The greatest revival in the history of the Twenty-first Street Church of God in Wilmington, North Carolina, is now in progress. In a little over three weeks, 70 have been saved, 33 sanctified, 30 filled with the Holy Ghost and 30 added to the Church; many have been healed by the power of God. The evangelist is Brother James Poe Jackson of Hixson, Tennessee. Brother Gilbert Pearson is pastor and Brother Ray Collins is the district pastor.

—Reporter

Man Gloriously Saved and Healed During Revival

MALDEN, Mo.—The Church of God at Malden, Missouri, is still rejoicing over the recent revival held by Brother and Sister James Simmons of North Carolina. The presence of God was felt time and time again. One man whose wife had been praying for him for 22 years was unsaved and very hard of hearing; his hearing aid did him little good. The night the mighty power of God struck him while sitting on his seat, he was

saved and healed. For several days he was so full of the joy and power of God that he actually could not talk about it. He was a victim of tobacco for many years, but he surrendered all and was completely delivered by the mighty power of God. His testimony is a joy to hear. He said the floor literally rocked under him when the power of God struck him, going in one ear and out the other. There were several healings besides this miracle. Men and women renewed their vows to God. Even though the revival closed, the revival spirit is still burning. The church and I deeply appreciate Brother and Sister Simmons and their son Michael. They are a consecrated and Spirit-filled couple and will bless your church with their singing and preaching.

—Dorothy Wallace, pastor

Church Reports Successful Revival

ROSSVILLE, Ga.—The Lord has blessed us with a glorious revival the past 2 weeks, for which we thank God. Seven were saved, 6 sanctified, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 2 united with the Church. God is blessing the Church at Ladd's Chapel. Brother Frank Swaggerty was the evangelist.

—C. L. Swaggerty, pastor

Seventeen Saved at Pickens

PICKENS, S. C.—We had a great revival at the Pickens Church of God beginning December 29, continuing through January 11 with the Reverend David Pitts as the evangelist. We appreciated very much Brother Pitts and his good, well-balanced preaching in regards to salvation and healing. We appreciate the cooperation of the many ministers.

Seventeen were saved, 5 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, 1 added to the Church, and a number healed. Brother Pitts' good music and singing were appreciated.

Any church would do well to secure Brother Pitts for a revival. With his good preaching, music and singing, his burden for souls and his desire to be helpful to

churches, he can be a blessing to any church. Pray that the revival spirit will remain with us at Pickens.

—C. L. Hall, pastor

Mighty Revival Breaks Out During Sunday Night Services

SEAGRAVES, Tex.—I would like to send in the report of the wonderful revival which the Lord gave us this month. The revival broke out in our Sunday night services. One young lady received the Holy Ghost Sunday and another one on Tuesday night, also two were saved.

The pastor, Brother Muri McCoy, announced on Thursday night that we would have services every night the following week, and said maybe the Lord would send us an evangelist. The next day we received a card from Brother George Anthony stating he would be with us on Saturday through Monday or as the Lord would lead.

Brother Anthony and his faithful wife are pioneer church preachers and would do any church good. They are truly consecrated. In the eight nights they were with us we had 25 saved, 21 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water, and 5 added to the Church. One young lady was called to preach.

We truly feel this was a Holy-Ghost revival.

—Sister McCoy, reporter

Entire Family Unites With Church During Revival

TRENTON, Mich.—The Church of God in Trenton, has closed the greatest revival in the history of the church. Great crowds attended each night. The old-time power of God was manifested each night. Numbers were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost during the revival. Twelve joined the Church. Eight men were saved and joined the Church and are tithe payers. Through the effects of the revival an entire family joined the Church; we now have 15 members.

—Reporter

Many Healings Noted During Revival

AVONDALE ESTATES, Ga.—We have just closed a two-week revival with evangelist J. David Pitts. Brother Pitts has an anointing both in preaching the Word and praying for the sick. As a result of this God-sent revival, 28 were saved, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the Church. There were some outstanding, definite healings. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

—Jim O. McClain, Sr., pastor



family devotions



MRS. RUTH WILLIAMS, Fresno, California

Our Quest for Strength

Memory Verse: Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." This Scripture is to be quoted aloud by the family each morning.

Monday, April 7

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Our devotions up to this time have been identified with a different Scripture each day, but suppose we change and use this one verse, dwelling on different words each day. In this age of indecision and uncertainty we read the first two words "I will," and immediately we picture the person saying them as a confident Christian, sure and triumphant! We must apply this to our lives before we can become instruments in the hands of God. Determination is essential every day we live, at home, at school and at work. Life would be a series of failures without it. Determination is especially essential in the life of the Christian; we either say "I will" or we die spiritually! It could be that these words have a different meaning for each member of the family, for individual problems must be worked out. While Mary says, "Yes, God, I will testify to my classmates," Johnny is joining her in a positive answer to his call to the missions field. As parents, we also must say "I will," for many times God's plans for our family are not ours; thus we joyfully say, "Not my will, but thine," putting their lives in His hands. For the youngest member of the family who has just found salvation, his words become strong and lasting when he says, "I will take up my cross and follow Thee, counting the world but dross!" God grant to each of us the courage to say this, and the determination and strength to carry it out!

Sing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," praying in concert.

Tuesday, April 8

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

These two words are familiar ones to the happy, well-adjusted family, for true respect and consideration bring about continual lifting — of each other — and sustaining guidance. "No man lives

alone" has often been quoted and is so aptly put, for we are each dependent on the other. We are not permitted to judge the wrong in our brothers and sisters—that is for God to do, for His judgment is tempered with mercy—but as we "lift up" others, so are we lifted up. We cannot give something that we do not possess, and until we make the consecration that these words help to bring about, our help to our fellow man is of no consequence. "I will lift." Could we join in saying those words, eyes closed, letting each word bring us new strength? The world needs united homes filled with compassion, and we find that need fulfilled when our time is spent in helping others. As individuals whose only desire and goal must be "service to our fellow man," we reach that plane by an upward look that will overflow, blessing the unloved and lost! As we go to prayer, God grant that each person will be so lifted up until he will glow with the only true beauty—that of inward holiness!

Let us stand and pray today, with our hands and heads lifted up "to the hills from whence cometh our help."

Wednesday, April 9

Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

God blessed the human race in a marvelous way when He gave us the power of seeing the beautiful world in its changing garments from season to season. Possibly, only the man who has come from blindness to sight can appreciate it properly, for we tend to take for granted the blessings we daily enjoy. "Mine eyes," given to me to see that which is beautiful and good, to be used in expressions of delight in my brother and sister, can cause my life to be dreary and frustrated by a mere turning—to look down instead of up! To look down means we automatically find sin, sorrow and evil, for it exists and is easily found, but to say with the Psalmist David, "I will lift up mine eyes," is to become what God intended man should be, high, holy

and glorious! As mothers we could use our eyes to see the faults in the precious children God has given us, but realizing that imperfections rest in everyone, we look up, thanking God for the beauty we see in their daily lives. Your eyes are a mirror which shows the depth and bigness of your soul, for what you are is visible to men everywhere! Our vision must not become veiled. Let us keep our hearts right, our eyes heavenward and we shall be able to say with the prophet of old, "Mine eyes have beheld the glory of the Lord!"

Have one member of the family sing "Face to Face," joining in prayer at the close.

Thursday, April 10

Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

We traveled through the hills of Tennessee a few weeks ago and I marveled at the grandeur and beauty of the stark outlines of the mountain against the blue sky. They seemed immovable and solid, as though they would last forever. However, spring will hide some of that bigness with its leafy foliage and soft, lovely flowers. Time will roll on, and the mountain will stand again in the fall, just as before, with strength and dignity. We receive much inspiration from God's handiwork. As we begin this period of devotion, let us look higher than our present surroundings, asking God to make us mountains of blessings that will pour forth on those whose lives we have the joy of sharing. It will be lost effort to say "I will lift up mine eyes" if we only lift them to the level of "hoping to do better"; our sights must be set on the highest hill of God's kingdom! To climb the mountain takes preparation for the journey, courage to get up each time we fall, skill in finding our way and a fierce determination to reach the top! We must have all that to be spiritually healthy, and it is ours only by saying, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills" and keep going until we reach the top of the hill, upon which God sits!

Sing a song of adoration to God; then give praise to Him in prayer.

Friday, April 11

Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

As a family we live in a perplexed world. Nations are racing to discover the secrets of the universe, men are killing themselves for fear

of that which is to come upon us; but in the home circle, closed in by love and Christian fellowship, we can give them the remedy that would solve their problems. Their trouble lies in the fact that they are looking in the wrong place for the answer, while we know "from whence" our blessings come and are secure in the knowledge that our source of strength comes from Calvary and will never cease. Some run to and fro, seeking solace and comfort in different doctrines, others become embittered and lose all hope, but the family whose very core of existence depends on help from above is safe forever. There is no need for flight, for this is the time we are simply to "stand." Our journey provides a road map that is infallible, and the road leads straight to the throne of God! We must be sure of one thing, and that is "from whence" our help cometh; there is no other way! "How great Thou art"; those words ring again and again. How wonderful it is to trust Him!

Sing "How Great Thou Art,"
thanking God for His Son.

Saturday, April 12

Psalms 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

We reach Saturday with the most blessed words of the week! After we have completed all the requirements this Scripture calls for—determination, giving a helping hand, looking only for the good in others, reaching the hills of deep spirituality, realizing utter dependence on God as the source of our strength—we have the phrase "cometh my help." In other words, we can live as conquerors, through His help! How blessed to know that we are not alone; even the hairs of our head are numbered and every step is taken under His protection. His help is immediate; we can call at any moment, knowing we are heard. If we do not know how to pray, in His infinite wisdom He still answers with that which is best for our lives. There may be times when we desire our way in a matter and feel discouraged because the answer was not just what we longed for, but rest assured that "all things work together for good to them that love God," and at times our help cometh in strength to bear our problems graciously and serenely.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Let that be your battle cry, your daily prayer and consecration, and you will find life a source of unending joy—to yourself and others!

Ask God for help in meeting the family problems day by day.

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